



Washington State  
Department of Transportation

# I-5 /Spokane Street interchange repair work

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## Major ramp work January 2013 - April 2013

We are replacing 27 expansion joints on the I-5/West Seattle Bridge/ Columbian Way interchange and 4 expansion joints on northbound I-5 near Georgetown. The expansion joints are nearly 50 years old and falling apart faster than maintenance crews can do repairs.

## What are expansion joints?

Expansion joints are steel connections that allow sections of bridges to bend and flex with heavy traffic and winter's freeze-thaw cycle.



## What can driver's expect?

- I-5 interchange ramp closures on nine separate weekends.
- A maximum of two ramps will be closed for 56 hours straight during each construction weekend.
- Two weekends of NB I-5 lane closures; two out of five lanes will remain open.
- Clearly signed detour routes.
- Detours may add up to ten minutes to each trip.
- Current schedule, ramp closure information posted to the website.



Crews will replace this slab of concrete which is thinning and rusting.

## 2013 construction schedule

Crews will work the following weekends:

- Jan. 4 - 7
- Jan. 11 - 14
- Jan. 18 - 21
- Feb. 15 - 19
- March 1 - 4
- March 8 - 11
- March 22- 25
- March 29 - April 1
- April 5 - 8
- April 12 - 15
- May 3 - 6

## Project cost

- \$4.5 million

Ramps close Friday at 10 p.m. and reopen Monday at 5 a.m.

Snow and ice may cancel work. In the event of a cancellation, drivers will be alerted 48 hours in advance.



Failing expansion joints lead to potholes, collisions, lane closures and costly emergency repairs.



## Contact information

Noise concerns 24/7  
206-440-4DOT  
Free earplugs are available upon request.  
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## Project website:

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